

CANNOT GET INTO JAIL

Deserter-Preacher Fails in Efforts to Surrender.

BARRED OUT BY LIMITATION

After Days of Sore Trials, Evangelist Gets as Far as Navy Yard, Only to Learn that He Cannot Be Prosecuted—Cause of All His Troubles a Woman—Sister Defends Him.

Rev. James R. Slayton, Jr., ordained minister and evangelist, tried to convert himself into a prisoner in the "brig" at the navy yard yesterday. He claims he is a deserter from the navy. After half a day's work, when he was at last on the threshold of the goal—and the goal of his ambitions, he found it was after office hours. So he was told to "come around and try again in the morning," which he will do at 9 o'clock to-day.

In the meantime he is looking for telegrams of condonation from Louis A. Gourdain, who has been trying in vain to break into the prison at Joliet, Ill., with his better results.

Having escaped from a detective who had arrested him by jumping off the train at Johnstown, Pa., and having come direct to Washington alone, the Rev. Mr. Slayton thought there would be no difficulty in being accommodated with lodgings in a cell. But he was misled by his enthusiasm.

No Hope from Bonaparte.

After having duly announced his intentions to an afternoon newspaper, the evangelist waited upon Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte and humbly begged that he be put under arrest as a yeoman who had deserted from the Atlanta in 1890. He was accompanied by the Rev. J. M. Little, commander of the Gospel Army, and his spiritual adviser, Commander Little, who was in full dress uniform.

The Secretary, however, was going out, and didn't have time to attend to the matter, but he thought Assistant Secretary Newberry would be able to accommodate Rev. Mr. Slayton.

Mr. Newberry received the minister-deserter, but he too was obliged to apologize. He really wasn't able to perform the ceremony. Mr. Slayton was asked to step down the hall and see Lieutenant Commander Henry B. Wilson, of the Bureau of Navigation.

Ray of Light at Last.

This kindly concession raised the hopes of the earnest seeker after a cell. Commander Little was jubilant.

"You'll get in all right this time," he said, in the way of cheerful encouragement to his charge.

But it was not to be—yet.

Capt. Leutze was busy, and the chief clerk heard Mr. Slayton's appeal. He carefully considered the matter while the evangelist read the account of his troubles in an afternoon paper. Finally, after a telephonic consultation, the chief clerk announced that Lieutenant Commander Rust, in charge of the seaman's quarters, would welcome the would-be prisoner.

"Jim," an office attendant of African descent, was made the prisoner's guard, and the march was resumed.

The almost-prisoner was ushered into the presence of Lieut. Commander Rust, and the examination begun.

"When did you desert?"

"In 1890," came the eager response from Rev. Mr. Slayton.

"What six years ago? I don't think I have any right to hold you," said the officer.

Hopelessly Shut Out of Prison.

Slayton's face grew long while the navy regulations were consulted. Actual disappointment showed itself in every line. But the statutes afforded no consolation. Slayton's term of enlistment was up in 1903, and the statute of limitation got its work in a year ago.

The lieutenant commander was sorely perplexed. He tried to get in touch with Lieut. Commander Wilson, but the latter had gone home.

There was no way to open the doors of the brig for Mr. Slayton.

"You can stay around here to-night, if you wish," finally said the officer, but the limitation was extended in what seemed a begrudging tone.

Rev. Mr. Slayton was embarrassed. He didn't want to force himself upon the hospitality of the government. Then he had an inspiration.

"Well, let me come down by myself from the Navy Department. Why can't I come around here in the morning?" "I'll be here sure at 9 o'clock," he pleaded.

Lieut. Commander Rust grasped at the solution of the difficulty. He gave his assent quickly.

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" shouted Commander Little.

"Amen," responded the Rev. Mr. Slayton.

And they departed forthwith for the home of the Rev. Mr. Little, at 1114 C street.

Last night, Mr. Slayton consoled himself for his disappointment in not being able to hold solitary devotions in a cell of the navy yard, by lifting up his voice in exhortation and prayer alongside Commander Little and the other members of the Gospel Army at the market house.

The Cause of It All.

Like many another, the Rev. Mr. Slayton, who is pastor of a church at Myerdale, Pa., blames a woman for all his trouble.

Slayton says he is a son of Brig. Gen. James R. Slayton, who was a notable figure during the civil war. His story is generally believed. He arrived in Cleveland when he was seventeen years old, and the woman arrived about the same time. Her name is one of the few things Slayton refuses to tell.

Although she was twelve years his senior and the mother of several children, she began to show a decided partiality for his company. Slayton did not enjoy his position, and to escape the entanglement, he left the navy and came to Cleveland, and after being examined at Norfolk and made a yeoman, was assigned for duty on the Montgomery, and after that vessel went out of commission was transferred to the Atlanta. He got a five days' leave of absence, and then asked his sister, Mrs. R. H. Patt, of Washington, to get a ten days' extension for him.

In the meantime he went to Buffalo, and not hearing from Mrs. Patt, concluded she had failed, that he was already a deserter, and stayed away beyond the ten days which had actually been granted him. He was caught, court-martialed, and given a year's sentence, which was finally commuted to three months. Slayton says Senator Hanna did this for him, and when released he was given a furlough with a warning from his superiors that "politicians are not wanted around the navy," and he, taking it as a hint, disappeared.

Then came his conversion, and after having labored in the vineyard for many years, the evangelist decided to take unto himself a wife. Last month the ceremony was performed at Johnstown, making him the husband of Sarah Maxwell.

The Washington Herald

Sunday Issue Three Cents

A Few Words to Readers

IN all preliminary announcements the fact was emphasized that The Washington Herald would be primarily a newspaper every day in the week—a clean, compact, newsy newspaper that would appeal to the intelligent and discriminating clientele of Washington. There has been an immediate and substantial recognition of the efforts in that direction. Already The Washington Herald has a home circulation of which any newspaper might well be proud. The Herald is very proud of it. Every morning it goes direct to nearly one-third of the Washington homes. This tells in most emphatic manner what the people of the Capital think of this newspaper enterprise. And the home circulation is growing every day. A glance at the crowded pages of the big subscription book discloses the addition of hundreds of names daily to the original roll.

To-morrow's issue of The Washington Herald will be much like the daily issues preceding it. It will be larger, of course, but not a blanket sheet. It will be unlike the average Sunday newspaper in divers respects. It will have no color and no comic. It will have no freak features. It will not be made simply to catch the eye. But it will have the news—all the news—and it will be worth reading all the way through. It will be a get-at-able newspaper—one in which you can find the good things you are looking for without skimming page after page of things you care nothing about.

Any one of a dozen other Sunday newspapers, all more or less meritorious, will give you the other sort of thing, if that is what you want, and in any variety and color you may elect; but The Washington Herald is starting its first Sunday issue on different lines. These lines are novel only because the average Sunday newspaper has departed so far from them.

It is the belief of The Washington Herald that Washington people will welcome a newspaper on Sunday—a real newspaper with none of the peculiar attachments with which the reading public is now surfeited. At any rate, that is what The Herald will offer to-morrow, and it will sell for three cents.

The initial Sunday issue will have distinctive features innumerable—good, wholesome reading from the pens of the brightest and best writers—and it will be interesting to everybody. The Sunday issues that follow it will be better still. Indeed, The Washington Herald, with every issue, is striving to be a better newspaper, and it has the word of Washingtonians generally that it is succeeding.

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SPECIAL HAS RETURNED.

Train Bearing Greater Washington Boomers Came in Last Evening.

The Greater Washington Special, which has been making a tour of Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia, under the direction and auspices of the Evening Star, arrived at the Baltimore and Ohio station last evening at 8:40 o'clock. Its occupants having been largely recruited by a delegation of Washingtonians, who boarded the train at Gaithersburg, Md.

The regular train crew looked weary and happy as they disembarked and were greeted by friends at the station. They reported great interest along the route in the movement to increase Washington's trade, and declared that the way is open for a large business with the South if the local merchants will but go out and claim it.

The representatives of the local firms who made the trip and several invited guests will meet around the dinner table at the New Willard and recount the adventures and experiences of the journey.

GO TO TRIAL ON THE FACTS.

Edwin Holmes, Jr., Will Plead Innocence to Indictment in Cotton Cases.

Justice Stafford, in Criminal Court No. 1, was informed yesterday by Wharton E. Lester, of Lester & Price, and A. S. Worthington, of Worthington, Heald & Frailey, of counsel for Edwin Holmes, Jr., that the demurrer filed by Mr. Holmes to the indictment against him, alleging conspiracy to defraud the government by the alleged leasing of advance cotton crop reports, would be withdrawn, and that he was ready at any time to plead innocent to the indictment. Justice Stafford granted the motion to withdraw the demurrer, and the case came from a ship using the same system.

"It will take time to accomplish this: five years or possibly ten, but in the end it will come, because by this means the loss of life at sea in my opinion will be reduced to a minimum. It will be so much to the advantage of every nation that it will be impossible for any nation to fail to make the necessary requirement."

"At present we are doing a good deal toward furnishing forecasts to vessels along the Atlantic coast. We are receiving daily observations from a number of trans-Atlantic liners. We also get readings from the numerous stations we have established in the Azores, the Bermudas, the Bahamas, the North coast of South America, and a score of points in the West Indies."

"With these combine observations we are able to make out a fairly accurate map of the storm centers of the coast, and furnish the information to vessels within reach of the wireless stations along the coast."

"But when we get daily observations from vessels all over the world we will be able to map out the storm centers and cover practically the entire area of every ocean."

"This information we will be able to send back to the ships within two hours of the time they sent their readings, and they will have a chance to steer clear of the storm centers and thus avoid danger. The total area of the force of the Galveston storm was not over 2000 miles, and had any vessel been warned of that in time, it would have been able to keep out of the storm center. It is easy to see from this the immense value such a system will have. It is simple, inexpensive, and bound to come."

Had Mislaid Pocketbook.

The pocketbook containing \$25 worth of jewelry which E. A. Andre, of 37 Ninth street southeast, reported as being lost Thursday afternoon was found yesterday. He had mislaid the purse while moving his household goods.

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NO BALM FROM PASTOR

Court Decides for Him in Breach of Promise Suit.

WILLING TO MARRY WOMAN

The Rev. Edward B. Waltz Describes His Wavering and Efforts to Conciliate Fiancee, Who Calls in Lawyer—History of Interesting Case Just Ended in Baltimore.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12.—The Rev. Edward B. Waltz, aged 32, who was sued for \$25,000 for breach of promise by Miss Susie Wheeler, aged 45 years, won the case which came to an ending in the Baltimore County Circuit Court this afternoon. The minister gave the following description of his last effort to conciliate his matrimonial difficulties:

"Susie wrote me to come and talk the matter over. Having a forgiving spirit, I went to Baltimore from Williamsport, Pa. We all knelt down and I prayed for Divine guidance fervently. When I got up I asked Susie to forget the quarrel of the past, as I wanted to be her kind and loving husband."

"She said, 'I will not marry you, because you broke the engagement.' Mrs. Wheeler, her mother, came rushing into the room with one of my letters in her hand, and said: 'Yes, you broke the engagement.' I said I wanted to reconcile. Mrs. Wheeler said: 'Give Susie this house you bought and reconcile afterward.' I would not see things that way. Mrs. Wheeler cried out: 'We ought to have a lawyer.'"

Lawyer Appears on Scene.

"Then Lawyer Reikard came. I knew I was up against it, as you know lawyers don't stay at home until 11 o'clock in the morning for nothing. I then left, and Susie came out with me and walked to the car and kissed me good-by."

The elegantly dressed woman, and it is believed he will do so shortly if the prospective mother-in-law does not object again.

Rev. Mr. Waltz, who is sixty-eight years old, and who has been married twice, proposed to Miss Wheeler by letter, in August, 1904, and was accepted. He purchased a house on Arlington avenue, Giovanni, shortly afterward. Miss Wheeler and her mother were there to live under an arrangement whereby they were to pay him a rental of \$9 a month until the marriage, which was to take place on February 21, 1905. Just before the blessed day came, however, Rev. Mr. Waltz suffered financial losses, and the wedding was postponed until April.

Part After Lovers' Quarrel.

In March he came from his home in Williamsport, Pa., to visit his fiancée, and there was a lovers' quarrel. The upshot of the affair was that the wedding was indefinitely postponed. In May Rev. Mr. Waltz sent Miss Wheeler a mutual agreement of separation, and asked her to sign it, but she declined. A little later she brought suit for breach of promise.

The minister was not informed of this action at the time, however, and several times wrote to her, asking her to bury the hatchet and marry him. In October he heard of the suit. This did not deter him from making other efforts to get Miss Wheeler to "let bygones be bygones," but nothing came of them. On the witness stand he protested that he never broke the engagement, still loved Miss Wheeler, and was still anxious to marry her. He intimated that the trouble was the result of interference on the part of her mother.

COLD WAVE DISAPPEARS.

Weather Bureau Promises It Will Be Warmer To-morrow.

Officials of the Weather Bureau said last night that the cold wave which has been affecting the Eastern States for the past two days, has about reached its limit, and by Sunday the weather will be much warmer and more seasonable. The storm which raged in the vicinity of Buffalo has entirely disappeared, and it is also going to warm up somewhat in the Lake region.

Yesterday morning at 8 o'clock the thermometer registered 31, and within an hour it had risen to 34, and by 11 o'clock it had reached the 32-degree line. It is not even conjectured by the Weather Bureau just how long this return to higher temperatures will last, but it is safe to say that it will last long enough to give Washington denizens sufficient time to get their flannels ready and hang their winter clothes out in the sun and get rid of that odor of camp and moth balls before the return of another cold wave, which probably will be frost and snow.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12, 8 p.m.

The pressure is high over Atlantic coast, and low in the Middle Rocky Mountain region, and traces of the cold wave are still present. The Rocky Mountains a strong cold wave is moving eastward across Washington and Oregon. No rainfall or consequence has occurred in the last twenty-four hours.

The cold wave persists in the East; in the extreme North it is considerably warmer, while in the extreme South it has been a decided fall in temperature.

Rain is indicated for Saturday in the Upper Mississippi valley, the Middle Rocky Mountain region, and for Sunday in the Middle and Lower Mississippi valley and the Upper Lake region. It will be a strong cold wave, and will move eastward to the Atlantic, and colder in the Northwest.

The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be light and variable, becoming southeasterly; on the South Atlantic coast fresh to strong southeasterly; on the West coast light to fresh northeasterly; on the West coast fresh to strong southeasterly, and on the Great Lakes fresh to strong southeasterly.

Sectors departing Saturday for European ports will have light, variable winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 31; 2 a. m., 32; 3 a. m., 33; 4 a. m., 34; 5 a. m., 35; 6 a. m., 36; 7 a. m., 37; 8 a. m., 38; 9 a. m., 39; 10 a. m., 40; 11 a. m., 41; 12 m., 42; 1 p. m., 43; 2 p. m., 44; 3 p. m., 45; 4 p. m., 46; 5 p. m., 47; 6 p. m., 48; 7 p. m., 49; 8 p. m., 50; 9 p. m., 51; 10 p. m., 52; 11 p. m., 53; 12 m., 54.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Albany, N. Y., 40; Albany, N. Y., 41; Albany, N. Y., 42; Albany, N. Y., 43; Albany, N. Y., 44; Albany, N. Y., 45; Albany, N. Y., 46; Albany, N. Y., 47; Albany, N. Y., 48; Albany, N. Y., 49; Albany, N. Y., 50; Albany, N. Y., 51; Albany, N. Y., 52; Albany, N. Y., 53; Albany, N. Y., 54; Albany, N. Y., 55; Albany, N. Y., 56; Albany, N. Y., 57; Albany, N. Y., 58; Albany, N. Y., 59; Albany, N. Y., 60; Albany, N. Y., 61; Albany, N. Y., 62; Albany, N. Y., 63; Albany, N. Y., 64; Albany, N. Y., 65; Albany, N. Y., 66; Albany, N. Y., 67; Albany, N. Y., 68; Albany, N. Y., 69; Albany, N. Y., 70; Albany, N. Y., 71; Albany, N. Y., 72; Albany, N. Y., 73; Albany, N. Y., 74; Albany, N. Y., 75; Albany, N. Y., 76; Albany, N. Y., 77; Albany, N. Y., 78; Albany, N. Y., 79; Albany, N. Y., 80; Albany, N. Y., 81; Albany, N. Y., 82; Albany, N. Y., 83; Albany, N. Y., 84; Albany, N. Y., 85; Albany, N. Y., 86; Albany, N. Y., 87; Albany, N. Y., 88; Albany, N. Y., 89; Albany, N. Y., 90; Albany, N. Y., 91; Albany, N. Y., 92; Albany, N. Y., 93; Albany, N. Y., 94; Albany, N. Y., 95; Albany, N. Y., 96; Albany, N. Y., 97; Albany, N. Y., 98; Albany, N. Y., 99; Albany, N. Y., 100.

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Philadelphia, Oct. 12.—Tired of working for Uncle Sam, it has developed that Joseph A. McCool, the postmaster at Laverock, a small town near Chestnut Hill, threw up his government job several months ago. He didn't take the trouble of sending his resignation to the Postmaster General, the authorities say. He just walked out and quit.

A sequel to this remarkable state of affairs, first brought to the attention of the postal authorities several days ago, was the arraignment before Commissioner Craig in the Federal building this morning of Gould, the self-appointed postmaster.

He was accused of the larceny of stamps and money orders to the amount of \$1,000, and was fined \$1,000 for contempt.

The post-office at Laverock is of the fourth class. According to O'Brien, a postal inspector, McCool, who works for the Pennsylvania Railroad, was the incumbent. Gould, one of the station employees, helped him in the work pertaining to the office. McCool was not paid a salary by the government, being compensated by commissions, and he is said to have used Gould's own pocket for helping run the post-office.

Then the post-office was robbed of \$37 worth of stamps and some money. This was on September 11. In the course of their investigation, extending over a month, the postal inspectors did not uncover the fact that McCool had quit. Two days ago more stamps were stolen. Gould was arrested and the cat came out of the bag.

At the hearing, in commenting on the fact that the first robbery was practically forgotten, and that McCool's resigning the care of the office was a surprise, Commissioner Craig said:

"Is not this an unusual state of affairs?"

"Well," answered O'Brien, "the inspector knew of it, but did not get there yet I suppose."

"Oh, so that is your way of stating the case, eh?" was the reply.

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Dr. Sowers was called by the defense as a witness late, and his testimony amounted